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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2267

AMEMBASSY ANKARA IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T BEIRUT 5932

EXDIS

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC TU

SUBJ: ASSASSINATION THREAT

REF: STATE 98374; ANKARA 98375

1. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT PRUDENT TO USE EMBASSY TURKISH SPEAKING LOCAL. THEREFORE TURKISH LANGUAGE OFFICER SHOULD BE SENT TO BEIRUT. AGREE THAT OFFICER SHOULD TRAVEL RE CIRCUITOUS ROUTE. SINCE LETTER SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT LANGUAGE OFFICER BE SENT FROM TURKEY, ONE COULD CONJECTURE THAT WRITER OF LETTER HAS MEANS OF KNOWING IF OFFICER DEPARTS DIRECTLY. CONCUR THAT OFFICER HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF TURKISH POLITICAL GROUPS.
2. WE ARE GOING AHEAD WITH SCENARIO FOR CALL PER BEIRUT 5907. TO GIVE G-2 MAXIMUM TIME POSSIBLE TRACE AND APPREHEND CALLER WE WILL STALL CALLER BY CONVEYING IMPRESSION THAT HIS LETTER MAY NOT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.
3. RE G-2 ENTRAPMENT CAPABILITY, THEY ARE SINCERE IN THEIR OFFER TO ATTEMPT ENTRAPMENT IF WE WISH. HOWEVER, THEIR CHANCES OF SUCCESSFULLY DOING SO ARE IN INVERSE PROPORTION TO DEGREE OF SOPHISTICATION OF PLAN PRESENTED BY THE EXTORTIONIST.
4. IN BALANCE WE CONCUR DEPT' S ASSESSMENT THAT ENTRAPMENT

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ATTEMPT COULD LEAD TO ACT OF VENGEANCE. WE WOULD ALSO
POINT OUT THAT SHOULD EXTORTIONISTS BE FEDAYEEN THIS COULD
LEAD TO ESCALATION CRISIS HERE CONSIDERING DELICACY OF CURRENT
RELATIONS BETWEEN FEDAYEEN AND GOL. CONSEQUENTLY WE BELIVE
MOST PRUDENT COURSE IS (A) TO STALL AS LONG AS POSSIBLE WITH
CALL, AND THEN (B) END DIALOGUE BY STATING US POLICY NOT
PAYSAAANSOM UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

5. WOULD BE USEFUL IF LANGUAGE OFFICER COULD BRING WITH
HIM ORIGINAL OR GOOD COPY OF ENVELOP OF EXTORTIONIST' S LETTER
FOR G-2 EXAMINATION.
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